

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests further examination and reconsideration in view of the arguments set forth fully below. In the Office Action mailed November 2, 2005, claims 1 - 14, 16 - 23 and 25 - 35 have been rejected. In response, the Applicant has amended claims 1, 3, 14, 23, 32, and 34, has cancelled claims 2 and 33, and has submitted the following remarks. Accordingly, claims 1, 3-14, 16-23, 25-32 and 34-35 are pending. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the amended claims and the remarks below.

The applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's time and attention during the telephone interview of November 29, 2005. During the interview, the Examiner and the undersigned discussed the rejections to claims 1, 14, 23 and 32, in light of Wong. Specifically, the undersigned argued that Wong does not teach a first application generating patient context data for the patient. Furthermore, the Examiner and the undersigned discussed possible claim amendments for the independent claims. The amendments made above are made pursuant to the Examiner's comments and suggestions.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Within the Office Action, claims 1 - 3, 5 - 14, 16 - 23 and 25 - 35 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,260,021 to Wong, et al (hereinafter Wong). The Applicant respectfully disagrees with this rejection.

In view of the Examiner's comments and suggestions during the telephone interview regarding the independent claim 1, and the amendment to the independent claim 1 above, the applicant submits that the independent claim 1 is in a condition for allowance.

Claims 3 and 5 - 13 are dependent upon the independent claim 1. As discussed above, the independent claim 1 is allowable over the teachings of Wong. For at least these reasons, claims 3 and 5 - 13 are allowable as being dependent upon an allowable base claim. Claim 2 has been cancelled.

Application No. 09/474,569
Amendment dated December 19 2005
Reply to Office Action dated November 2, 2005

In view of the Examiner's comments and suggestions during the telephone interview regarding independent claims 14, 23 and 32, and the amendments to claims 14, 23 and 32 above, the applicant submits that independent claims 14, 23 and 32 are in a condition for allowance.

Claims 16-22, 25-31 and 34-35 are dependent upon the independent claims 14, 23 and 32. As discussed above, the independent claims 14, 23 and 32 are allowable over the teachings of Wong. For at least these reasons, claims 16 - 22, 25 - 31 and 33 - 35 are allowable as being dependent upon an allowable base claim. Claim 33 has been cancelled.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Within the Office Action, claim 4 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wong. The Applicant respectfully disagrees with this rejection. Claim 4 is dependent upon the independent claim 1. As discussed above, the independent claim 1 is allowable over the teachings of Wong. Accordingly, claim 4 is also allowable as being dependent upon an allowable base claim.

For these reasons Applicant respectfully submits that all the claims are now in condition for allowance, and allowance at an early date would be appreciated. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, they are encouraged to call the undersigned at 414-271-7590 to discuss the same so that any outstanding issues can be expeditiously resolved.

Respectfully submitted,

ANDRUS, SCEALES, STARKE & SAWALL, LLP

By Christopher M. Scherer
Christopher M. Scherer
Reg. No. 50,655

100 East Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 1100
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202
Phone: 414-271-7590
Facsimile: 414-271-5770